

To the Right Honourable Sir PATIENCE WARD K<sup>nt</sup>. Lord Mayor of the Honourable City of L O N D O N

The Humble Address of many Thousand Loyal APPRENTICES of the same City, whose Names are hereunto subscribed.

In all Humility Sheweth,



That as we are justly sensible of our *Happiness*, in being born under the Enjoyment of the *Protestant Religion*, so Excellent a Government, and so *Gracious a King*; To whose Service we shall ever be ready to sacrifice our Lives: So have we continually applied our selves to discharge our Duties in our *proper Callings*, without presuming to intermeddle in Affairs beyond our *Sphere* or Concernment.

But being fully satisfied both by His Majesties frequent *Proclamations*, the unanimous *Votes* of several Parliaments; and the notoriousness of Fact, That for divers years past, there hath been, and still is, a Devilish Plot carried on by the Papists, against the *Sacred Life* of our Sovereign (whom God preserve) and to subvert the Protestant Religion, and the Government Establishd. In which Horrid Practices the Conspirators have alwaies Appeared most *Active* and *Insolent*, during the *Intervals* of *PARLIAMENTS*; And from *Thence*, and the continuing Hopes of a *Popish Successor*, take occasion with Greater Confidence to push on their Fatal Designs.

Observing likewise, That amongst the many late *Addresses*, there hath been One promoted in the Names of some few of our *Condition* in this Honourable City, which now is Represented as the Act and Sense of the Generality of *Apprentices*; Although the far greater part never joyned therein, as fearing least the same might seem of a Tendency dishonourable to *Parliaments*, whose Constitution we Reverence, and Humbly Apprehend their *Councils* highly necessary in such a juncture.

Wherefore, Though out of an *Awful Respect*, we presume not to approach His *Sacred Majesty*, yet we cannot but think it our Duty to declare to your Lordship (The Chief Magistrate under him of this Honourable City) and to all the World, That we shall never be behind any of our Fellow-Apprentices in Demonstrations of *Loyalty* to His *Sacred Majesty*, even to the last drop of our Blood, whenever his Service shall require it against any *Traitors* or *Rebels* whatsoever: And also to assure your Lordship, That as we do, (and through God's *Grace* ever shall) Abhor *Papery*, and all its Bloody Traiterous Practices. So we do utterly *disapprove* and *dislike*, any such proceedings from private persons, as tend to Reproach Parliaments, but do unanimously with *one Heart*, and with *one Voice*, express our satisfaction in, and *Thanks* for the *Humble Petition and Address* of your Lordship and the Common Council presented to His Majesty in *May* last, and since Approv'd of in Common Hall, for the *Assembling and Sitting* of a *Parliament*.

That the God of Heaven may ever Bless and Preserve His *Sacred Majesty*, and your Lordship, and this great and Honourable City; and grant that your Successors in this weighty Trust may Imitate your Lordships Piety and Zeal for the Protestant Religion, and His Majesties Service, shall ever be the daily Prayers of Us His Majesties Humble, Faithful, Loyal, and Obedient Subjects.

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